

Title: Need to release funds for enabling early completion of the gauge conversion work on Naupada-Gunupur railway line in Andhra Pradesh.

SHRI KINJARAPU YERRANNAIDU (SRIKAKULAM): There is a metre gauge line from Naupada to Gunupur in my Srikakulam Parliamentary constituency Andhra Pradesh to Gunupur in Orissa State under Waltair Division of East Coast Railways. An allocation of Rs. 30 crore has been released for the aforesaid conversion work out of sanctioned amount of Rs. 100 crore. But for early completion of the job, the amount released is not sufficient and more funds should be released by sanction of supplementary grants to execute the job early. I request the Hon'ble Railway Minister to take action to sanction adequate funds for completion of the above conversion work by the provision in the next financial budget. Incidentally, I would like to mention that there is one important junction railway station named Rayagada in Orissa and if people from Gunupur area want to go to Rayagada or to other places, they face a lot of trouble due to lack of road or rail connection there. I also request you to arrange for undertaking a survey for laying railway line between Gunupur and Rayagada at an early date.

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